

The First Reading tells how Melchizedek, king of Salem (early name for Jerusalem), comes to greet Abraham. Melchizedek is also a priest. As such he brings an offering of bread and wine to Abraham, and pronounces a blessing over him. In Christian tradition that bread and wine were taken to prefigure the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Paul’s account of the institution of the Eucharist is the earliest written account of the origin of the Eucharist (Second Reading). When we celebrate the Eucharist not merely is Christ present, but we re-enact the death by which he saved us. The Eucharist not only looks to the past, but also looks forward to the fulfilment of the Kingdom. The eucharistic significance of the multiplication of the loaves is brought out by the use of liturgical language. Luke uses the same words here as at the Last Supper and at Emmaus: Jesus ‘took...blessed...broke...gave...’ In the Eucharist the Church continues the mission of Jesus to teach, to heal, and to nourish the people of God.

--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



Capital Campaign Update – Work is continuing inside the Church as planned. Expect to see the beginning of work on the choir loft expansion and continuing painting this month. Removal of carpet, cleaning of slate and addition of new flooring surfaces will start during July. Monday – Friday Morning Mass (6:30 & 8:15 a.m.) will be held in the CHAPEL. The Saturday 8:15 a.m. morning mass, Saturday Vigil and the Sunday masses will remain in the Church at this time. The Parish has been sending out individual updates regarding your campaign contribution. If you have not received one, please let the parish know. If you would like to update or set up a contribution, you may do so via our website www.osstalphonsus.org or by contacting the parish office at 875-5419. Without the continued support of our gracious parishioners and families, we would not have met our capital campaign goal or be positioned to move forward with needed improvements to our Church facilities. Thank you for your support in the past, present, and future!



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend for Peter’s Pence (June 28/29). The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter’s Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.



The Rosary truly is a very special prayer, one that has many benefits for those who pray it devoutly and faithfully every day. The Rosary is the second most powerful prayer next to the Mass! So important is it, that at the first apparition of Fatima in 1917, Our Lady chose to identify herself as, "The Lady of the Rosary." The Rosary is a prayer loved by many of the saints since its introduction in the 12th century. The Rosary is a prayer that fits perfectly into the spiritual life of all who seek to allow Mary to be their light to Christ, to show them the path to Jesus. In his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, Blessed Pope John Paul II states in his introduction, "The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium..." (RVM, 1)

PLEASE JOIN US in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday, after the 8:15 a.m. mass at St. Alphonsus. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,012.84
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 1,955.00
Priest Supplemental Father’s Day Collection.....\$ 2,601.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 23
Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Christopher Bellman
TUESDAY	JUNE 24
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Olivia Sliman
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jeff Cowart
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 25
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Gerald Hopkins
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joyce Reynolds
THURSDAY	JUNE 26
Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Hughbanks
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
FRIDAY	JUNE 27
Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Dianne Tootle
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard Montiforte
SATURDAY	JUNE 28
Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Billy Gianelloni
Acts 3:1-10; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19	
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Grace Westbrook
SUNDAY	JUNE 29
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred “Tootsie” Caillavet, Benny and Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Dale Diaz, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sandra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Terri Jurich, Otis Kaufman, Joey Kelley, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Reginald Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Jerry Schneider, Courtney Severino, Dale Seymour, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Eucharistic adoration, where the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, is a powerful way to draw closer to His Sacred Heart and to experience His Real Presence. Jesus, having a human heart, experienced all of the emotions that we experience in this life....love, joy, happiness, pain, sorrow, loneliness, fear, stress. Jesus knows everything about us and everything we are going through and He wants to show us that He understands. He wants to give you His endless love. He wants to show us that His love has no bounds. Come and experience this love that pours out of His most Sacred Heart onto you and me. He is waiting to share it with you!



Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in your heart pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own divine heart, continually under your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Amen
~St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

If you already have an hour on the schedule but are not going, please remove yourself from the schedule or choose to re-commit to your hour this Lent. Thank you! Please remember to close the tabernacle doors if no one else is adoring Him when you leave.



Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ we hear Jesus ask his disciples, “Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?” And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes.

Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed.

Your Church Needs You - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers at all the masses. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.

Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.

We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Save and pray frequently)



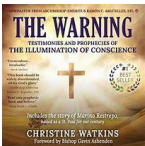
A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, July 4th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, July 5th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



THE WARNING: Testimonies and Prophecies of THE ILLUMINATION OF CONSCIENCE, by Christine Watkins. This amazing book is a "must read", for all Christians and non-Christians. At some point, in salvation history, EVERY living man, woman and child, on Earth, will experience a phenomenal event, prophesied by many saints, prophets, Popes and mystics from the past and the present, whereby each will see the condition of his soul, before God. It will be a wonderful Act of Mercy that our Loving Lord wishes to present to us. Many folks, whose stories are related in this fascinating book, have actually experienced this Illumination of Conscience already. Dr. Gavin Ashenden, former Anglican Bishop and Chaplain to the Queen of England from 2008-2017 (Turned Lay Catholic for the Sake of Truth) among numerous others, encourages folks to open their minds and hearts to learn about the Illumination of Conscience and how it pertains to each of us, so that we can prepare ourselves for the coming reality of this astonishing world-wide event. Copies of THE WARNING are available at the front entrance to our Church for a donation. Please share with family and friends!



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Mass for Family and Friends: You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.